

**Introduced by Senator Negrete McLeod**

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 25—Relative to the California Highway Patrol Officer Thomas P. Coleman Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 25, as introduced, Negrete McLeod. California Highway Patrol Officer Thomas P. Coleman Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 210 in the County of San Bernardino as the CHP Officer Thomas P. Coleman Memorial Highway. The measure would request that the Department of Transportation determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Thomas Philip Coleman was born October 6, 1976,  
2 in West Covina, California, to Robert and Janice Coleman. He  
3 was one of five children that included two boys, Thomas and  
4 Joseph, and three girls, Jennifer, Kathleen and Mary; and  
5 WHEREAS, Thomas P. Coleman graduated from Damien High  
6 School in 1994 and joined the United States Marine Corps in  
7 September of 1996; and  
8 WHEREAS, Prior to joining the California Highway Patrol  
9 (CHP), Thomas P. Coleman served as a Marine Security Guard  
10 for the United States Marine Corps; and  
11 WHEREAS, In 2003, CHP Officer Thomas P. Coleman, badge  
12 number 17338, graduated from the CHP Academy and was  
13 assigned to the Altadena Area Office; and

1 WHEREAS, After 60 months of service in the Altadena Area,  
2 Officer Thomas P. Coleman was transferred to the San Bernardino  
3 area and was assigned to motorcycle duty on June 12, 2008; and

4 WHEREAS, Officer Thomas P. Coleman was married to his  
5 best friend, Jamie Jean, on June 28, 2006, and had two wonderful  
6 children: Ryan Joseph, born October 6, 2007, and Shaylen Marie,  
7 born October 9, 2009; and

8 WHEREAS, On June 11, 2010, Officer Thomas P. Coleman  
9 was in pursuit of a traffic violator when his motorcycle collided  
10 with a semitrailer truck; and

11 WHEREAS, Shortly after the accident, Officer Thomas P.  
12 Coleman succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced dead at  
13 the scene; and

14 WHEREAS, Officer Thomas P. Coleman was a hard-working,  
15 dedicated officer who loved his job and enjoyed the people he  
16 worked with. He was known for being a loyal family man and a  
17 wonderful father and husband. His greatest joys were playing with  
18 his children, riding his motorcycle, hiking, and watching football  
19 and movies. Officer Thomas P. Coleman was admired for his  
20 passion for his career, his “smirk,” his sense of humor, and his  
21 hugs; now, therefore, be it

22 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
23 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the  
24 portion of State Highway Route 210 from Riverside Avenue,  
25 milepost marker 18.69, to Sierra Avenue, milepost marker 14.92,  
26 in the County of San Bernardino, as the CHP Officer Thomas P.  
27 Coleman Memorial Highway; and be it further

28 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested  
29 to determine the costs of erecting the appropriate signs, consistent  
30 with the signing requirements for the state highway system,  
31 showing this special designation, and upon receiving donations  
32 from nonstate sources covering the cost, to erect those signs; and  
33 be it further

34 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
35 this resolution to the Director of Transportation, and to the author  
36 for appropriate distribution.

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